

May 28, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to recommend Dr. Christina Curran for emeritus status at the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Curran was employed at UNI from August 8, 2008 to December 31, 2018. She served as faculty in the Department of Special Education and an academic administrator in the role of Interim Associate Dean in the College of Education from July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018; she meets the 10-year requirement for emeritus status. Although I only worked with Dr. Curran for six months, I know her commitment to her students and have seen evidence of her contributions to our institution and the broader academic community in my role as dean.

As a researcher and scholar, Dr. Curran focused on assistive technology and Universal Design for Learning to support students with disabilities. She was the founder and director of the Teachers & Technology: Promoting Accessible Learning Center (T2PAL) and secured multiple grants to fund technology initiatives supporting general and special educators throughout Iowa. Her research was widely published in practitioner journals, and she co-edited a book on inclusive education.

In the classroom, Dr. Curran was a committed educator who cared deeply about her students and building meaningful relationships. She mentored numerous graduate students and served on several dissertation committees. In addition, she taught nineteen different courses while at UNI, provided leadership to the Instructional Strategist I minor, and was largely responsible for vital curricular revisions that led to improved special education coursework.

Beyond her research and teaching, Dr. Curran was committed to service. She has chaired several key committees throughout her tenure at UNI, and led the efforts to streamline the academic program review and student outcomes assessment processes for the entire COE. Her leadership resulted in significant improvements to internal processes to support program coordinators and department heads.

Dr. Christina Curran embodies the qualities of an esteemed academic and dedicated educator. Her outstanding career, coupled with her significant contributions to our institution and the academic community, make her an ideal candidate for emeritus status.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Colleen S. Mulholland, Dean